

Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

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(Ballygall, Ballymun Rd, Corpus Christi, Glasnevin & Iona Rd)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday 12th February.

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Mass Intentions Monday 13th to Sunday 19th Feb.

Monday	7.25	Tony & Dympna Grace	10.00	Catherine & Patrick Feeley
Tuesday	7.25	Ned & Maisie Bradshaw	10.00	Mary & Samuel Graham
Wednesday	7.25	Eugene Ryan	10.00	Thomas Bourne
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Eileen, Fran & Paul Curry
Friday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	Daphne & Edward O'Donohoe
Saturday	10.00	Special Intention	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Bernard (Benny) Smyth, Linda Moran, Bruce Wotaszak, Frank & Joe McGrath, Paddy Hughes, Maggie Hughes, Tommy & Barney Hughes, Peggy Lowther, Julie Callery.		
Sunday	10.00	Edward & Elizabeth Wade, Seamus & Kathleen Caulfield, Tom & Marie Kavanagh, Ned & Kathleen Blennerhassett, James & Teresa Dunne.		
	11.30	Frank Byrne & Michael Murphy.		

Accord Collection

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend. Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone; A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Accord

Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

Dates for Diary

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

for all children receiving this Sacrament this year 12th February @ 10.00am

Finance Committee Meeting Wed 15th Feb @ 7.30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Church Gate Collection takes place next weekend 18th & 19th Feb, after all Masses.

World Day of the Sick 2023

We place those who are sick in mind, body or spirit at the centre of our time of prayer with God who is charity and love. To mark the World Day of the Sick, the Redemptorist Sisters of the Monastery of St Alphonsus along with the Dublin Diocesan Music Group, are hold a prayer service on **Monday, February 20 at 8pm**. You can also watch live on webcam

www.rednuns.com

Our Lady of Dolours Parish are holding a sale of work on **Sunday 19th February** in the Parish Centre after 9.30am Mass.

It is in support of Fr. Sintayhu's Ethiopian Projects and Médecins Sans Frontieres (the humanitarian Medical Aid Organisation).

Emmanuel 2023

If you are looking for a wonderful night of uplifting music join in with the 60 schools, with over 2000 students, who are participating in the Emmanuel Concerts. Booking is open now for the Emmanuel 2023 Concerts of liturgical music. **February 28/March 1/March 2 at 7.30pm**. Come with your music group/choir or friends for an inspirational night and some new ideas. Book now at 01 7007000 or www.helix.ie.

February 14th Feast of St. Valentine.

This famous Saint, was an Italian doctor who later became a priest. He was sent to jail for performing weddings for couples during a time when new marriages were outlawed in the ancient Rome.

Before he was killed for refusing to renounce his faith, he sent a loving note to a blind child he had been helping to teach, she was the daughter of his jailer.

It is said that this note led to the tradition of sending Valentine's cards.



The Heart of the Law

In this sense, Jesus' way is more demanding. For example, Christ broadens the concept of sin beyond just a physical act, he looks to the interior motivation at the level of the heart.

Similarly, it is not sufficient merely to avoid acts of violence; one must not even entertain anger in the first place. In doing this, Jesus was reorientating the divine law given to the Israelites. He could do this because he himself, as God, was the true interpreter of the law. The fact that he could deepen the concept of law shows us the extent of his authority.

The Heart of the New Law

In reinterpreting the Old Law, Jesus ushered in a New Covenant governed by this New Law, the unwritten Law of Grace. Sometimes this is called the "Evangelical Law" or simply, the "Gospel". A Belgian moral theologian, Servais Pinkaers, wrote:

"The principle of the New Law, and consequently of Christian ethics, is not the Gospel viewed as a text or an external word, comparable to a physical body, but rather the life principle, the breath of God which animates this body." (Pinkaers: Sources of Christian Ethics)

The New Law is in essence an interior law – the action of grace of the Holy Spirit who guides and educates the soul in the ways of Christ. This law prompts from within, as opposed to the guidance of an external law. It is written on the heart. ■

Summary

The Old Testament Law was the law given by God to Israel through Moses.

The Old Law was not abolished, it was perfected by Christ.

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Question

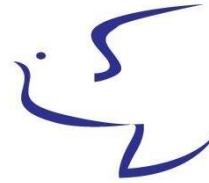
How can anyone avoid anger?

Prayer

Lord, cleanse my heart of unwanted passions so that I may follow your gospel more freely.



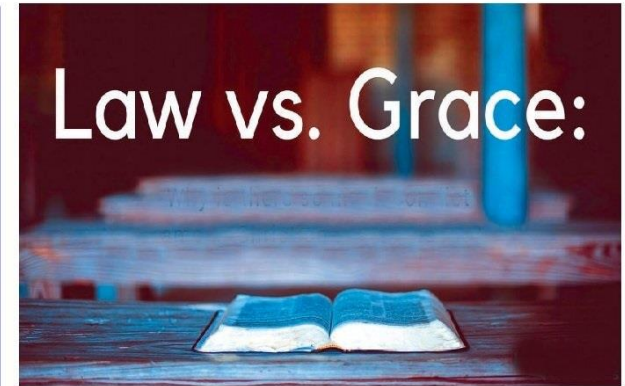
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Sat 11 Feb Our Lady of Lourdes/St Gobnait : Sun 12 Feb Ordinary 6 :
Mon 13 Feb Weekday : Tue 14 Feb Sts Cyril and Methodius : Wed 15 Feb Weekday : Thu 16 Feb Weekday : Fri 17 Feb Founders of the Servites/St Fintan : Sat 18 Feb Weekday : Sun 19 Feb Ordinary 7.



SUNDAY LETTER

Series: Morality; Sixth Sunday of Year A; 12 Feb 2023

Law vs. Grace:



Old Law, New Law

On reading the Bible, believers often become confused between the Old Law and the New Law. Is there a difference? If so, what is it? We may begin by asking: what is law? A law is a rule that guides and educates people about behaviours that are deemed to be right and just.

When it comes to the Bible, we have to distinguish between the Law of the Old Testament, and the Law of the New Testament. The Old Testament Law was the law given by God to Israel through Moses. It is often referred to and summarised as the Ten Commandments or the decalogue. It also includes a whole system of other laws that cover many dimensions of life in ancient Israel. For example, there were detailed laws concerning worship and eating.

Perfector and Interpreter of the Law

With the advent of Christ, the Old Law was not abolished; rather it was perfected by Christ himself. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus is portrayed as a "new Moses", the one who gives content to the New Law. This New Law is Christ's fulfilment of the Old Law, and he does this by bringing a whole new meaning and depth to it. He perfects the Old Law by introducing a new dimension to our understanding of law. He introduced the concepts of motivation and interiority to law, leading to a greater interiority of heart.